IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 09-0556 and DA 09-0605

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

DONNIE MACK SELLERS,

Defendant and Appellant.

FILED

FEB 2 6 2010

Ed Smith creeks at 15 House Me Court

SUPPLEMENTAL OBJECTION

As reflected in Sellers' "Petition to Remove Office of the State Public Defender," the Attorney General's Office objected to Sellers' petition.

The State did not file a separate objection to Sellers' petition because the State believed it was appropriate for the Office of the Appellate Defender (OAD) to respond to the petition in the first instance. The OAD has now filed its response.

The basis for the State's opposition to Sellers' petition was that issues regarding conflicts of interest and alleged prejudice should be addressed factually, contextually, and on a case-by-case basis rather than by means of a per se conflict rule. Accordingly, the State joins in the OAD's opposition and response to Mr. Sellers' petition.

Sellers' counsel has been contacted and does not object to the filing of this Supplemental Objection.

Respectfully submitted this 26 th day of February, 2010.

STEVE BULLOCK Montana Attorney General 215 North Sanders P.O. Box 201401 Helena, MT 59620-1401

MARK W. MATTIOLI

Appellate Services Bureau Chief

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Supplemental Objection to be mailed to:

> Ms. Joslyn Hunt Chief Appellate Defender 139 North Last Chance Gulch P.O. Box 200145 Helena, MT 59620-0145

Mr. George H. Corn Ravalli County Attorney 205 Bedford Street Hamilton, MT 59840

Mr. Colin M. Stephens Smith & Stephens, P.C. 315 West Pine Street Missoula, MT 59802

DATED: 2 (26/10 Monh Mattroli